

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-9 and 21 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 of the present application teaches, for example, a parallel turbo decoder comprising: an interleaver memory comprising n interleaver memory outputs; a routing multiplexer, comprising: n multiplexer inputs coupled to the n interleaver memory outputs; p multiplexer outputs based on a selected permutation of the n multiplexer inputs, where p and n are integer variables and $n \geq p$; and a plurality of modules arranged in an array of interconnected rows, each module having a first and second inputs, first and second outputs and a control input and arranged to supply signals at the first and second inputs to the first and second outputs in a direct or transposed order based in a value of a control bit at the control input, the array comprising a first row formed by a first group of $p/2$ of the modules of which the first and second inputs are each coupled to a respective one of the n multiplexer inputs and a last row formed by a second group of $p/2$ of the modules of which the first and second outputs are each coupled to a respective one of the p multiplexer outputs; and a memory containing a plurality of control bit tables each containing a plurality of control bits in an arrangement based on a respective permutation, the memory being responsive to the selected permutation to supply the plurality of control bits of the control bit table that corresponds to the selected permutation to the respective control inputs of the modules. The foregoing limitations are not found in the prior arts of record. Particularly, none of the prior arts of record teach nor fairly suggest, "...a memory containing a plurality of control bit tables each containing a plurality of control bits in an

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arrangement based on a respective permutation, the memory being responsive to the selected permutation to supply the plurality of control bits of the control bit table that corresponds to the selected permutation to the respective control inputs of the modules.”

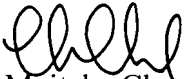
Independent claims 5 and 21 include similar limitations of independent claim 1 and therefore are allowed for similar reasons.

Dependent claims 2-4 and 6-9 depend from allowable independent claims 1 and 5 and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are allowed as well.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mujtaba K. Chaudry whose telephone number is 571-272-3817. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques can be reached on 571-272-6962.

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